

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 851 – HB 1114

April 8, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006136): Adds language to the original bill that prohibits a home health care service provider from accompanying a services recipient in transit in the community or providing any transportation services to the recipient.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,103,800

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$3,164,200

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The provisions of the bill as amended will authorize home health care service providers to meet certain service recipients at places within the community to provide services during routine activities of daily living instead of providing these services solely at the recipient's home.
- The estimated fiscal impact of the original bill was based on the Bureau of TennCare having to increase the payment rates for home health aides because of unsafe conditions due to accompanying a recipient in transit to an activity.
- The proposed bill as amended prohibits the service provider from accompanying the recipient during transit or to provide transportation. While there could be some increase in expenditures for home health aides who are providing services for seven to eight hours within the home to travel to a place within the community and then travel back to the home, it is estimated that this will not result in a significant increase in payment rates for home health care services.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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